

## **Robert Taylor Gilchrist**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Robert Taylor Gilchrist was born in Ayrshire, Scotland February 3, 1946. From his father he gained the desire to read and keep himself well informed.

Robert joined the church in 1854 and came to America in 1861; and later was the driver of a wagon crossing the plains with a freight company. He had many thrilling and terrifying experiences. They found arrow-riddled bodies of many people killed by Indians. They also buried some from their own company who died along the way from sickness and hunger.

Robert was a Black hawk War Veteran. When he settled in Lehi, he started making shoes a trade in learned in Scotland. He walked to Salt Lake and back for his first supplies. With the advance of machinery, he change to carpentering, a trade he followed from then on, together with painting, papering, brick-laying and plastering.

He belonged to the first band in Lehi, the Lehi Brass Band.

October 6, 1874, he married Mary Jane Willes in the Endowment House in Salt Lake. They had ten children: Robert Sidney, John, Alice, Lileth, Zina, Janet, Ada, and Athena. The three sons have passed away and the seven daughters are still living.

He was always good natured, witty and very active. At the age of seventy-six he climbed to the top of Mount Timpanogos with a group. He was still active in mind and body at the time of his passing, in November 1936, at the age of ninety.